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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTHonorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 22, 2002

Sir:

This replies to the (non-final) Office Action/Restriction Requirement mailed June 20, 2002, now due without extension on July 22, 2002, the 20th of July being a Saturday.

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 20, 2002 (Paper No. 3), in Item 3, requires restriction, under 35 USC 121, among the 26 claims pending in this application, as follows:

- I - Claims 21-26, drawn to an animal vaccine, comprising a bacterium or a virus, classified in class 530, subclass 825/826.
- II - Claims 1-10, drawn to a method of providing protection against disease in an animal by administering an oral bacterial or viral vaccine, classified in class 424, subclass 93.1.
- III - Claims 11-20, drawn to a method of inducing increased intake of an oral vaccine by administering an oral bacterial or viral vaccine, classified in class 184.1.

The Office Action in item 6, additionally requires election, among claims 1, 11, and 25 to one of the following species of the antigen, (A) and (B), Bacterium and Virus respectively, inasmuch as the application is directed patentably distinct species.